



Regional Service Council Minutes

Region # 7

Meeting Date: April 13, 2007

Meeting Location: Blackford County Courthouse Annex, Hartford City, IN.

Council Members Present: Judge Toney, Chuck Osterholt, Betty Lyons, Peggy Stewart, Pat Ergle, Deb McGriff-Tharpe, Janet Rife, and Marilyn Scales.

Council Members Absent: Judge Dailey, Judge Young, and Steven Cox.

Others In Attendance: Ryan Rhoades @ Meridian Services, Deanna Reece @ Family Service Society of Grant County, Tim Hammond @ IDTC, Kim Standfast @ White's Family Services, and a representative from Whittington Homes.

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 1:10 PM

1. Approval of Minutes from 3/9/07 meeting were approved by consensus.
2. The Department of Child Services Practice Principles were reviewed and an updated Region 7 Summary report was presented to the Council members. See attached.
3. Community Partners for Child Safety Update was presented by Ryan Rhoades from Meridian Services. He provided a written report with a status of each county except Randolph. He promised to submit another report and include Randolph County to Regional Manager, who will send electronically to Council members. See attached.

4. Legislative update was provided by Regional Manager. A discussion was held regarding SB 328 and other DCS related bills. Additional FCM's and Supervisors for local offices was also discussed. Foster parent Janet Rife brought up two issues she has concerns about which were turnover of FCM's and drop in visits to foster homes by FCM's.
5. Next Meeting Date---May 11, 2007 at 1:00 PM at same location.

Meeting Adjourned at: 2:35 PM